G. R. S. IX-5]

Previous references.

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GENERAL AND REVENUE SECRETARIAT.

Serial Nos. ~~149~~, 150, 157, 152, 161, 162 & 175.

Part B for February 19

SUBJECT.

Prays permission to take to Hubli 383 bags of jola said to have been purchased at Davangere on behalf of the Hubli Grain Association

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2(149) From, W Valvekar, Chairman, Hubli Grain Association, Hubli

Prays permission

W D 1250—GPB—30,000 - 28-1-19

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GENERAL AND REVENUE SECRETARIAT

(PP)

NOTES.

File No. 65 / 17

FILE HEADING.

Prohibition of the export of foodgrains [illegible] either by road or by [illegible]

From

Mr Vabve Kar, Chairman, Hubli Grain Association, Hubli

No. — Dated — Received 15.1.1918.

Diary No. 11386. Enclos. 1 Spare Copies. —— [Serial No. 169.

BRIEF ABSTRACT OF LETTERS.

Prays permission to take to Hubli 383 bags of jola said to have been purchased at Davanagere on behalf of the Hubli Grain Association

NOTES AND ORDERS.

H 150. From

The President, Hubli Grain Association

No 941 Dy 11.1.1918.

State the circumstances under which the Hubli Grain Association

NOTES—First Sheet.

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11388
11388

G. R. S. III-2j

General and Revenue Secretariat. | File No. 1/ of 191 .

Serial No.

formd and reqd to
offr. empties wagon

Dewan's orders:-
1) Chief Secy with compliments.
The application is for ~~kerosene~~
Gola. I believe there is a
sufficient stock held up at
Dawanagre. T.C. may be requested
to enquire at once if any
can be released. quantity required
is 383 bags said to have been
purchased once & then withheld
Sd/- A.R.D
18/1

Chief Secy's order.
2) U.S. Sd/- C.S.B
18/1/19
3) A draft to the T.C. is sent
Sd 4) Previous reference repeated
15/1/1919
5) Draft as desired Sd/-
with approval Hyderabad 17/1
U/ 15/1/19

NOTE—Contn. sheet.

G. R. S. III-2

General and Revenue Secretariat. | File No. | of 191

Serial No.

151 To

The Food Controller

No. G. 14435 & 15.1.19

In continuation of Secretariat No. 134 Fds. (Original letter petition referred to in Secretariat No. 149)

b) Submitted with modified draft as directed

KD

15.1.19

g) Please attend

15/1/19

152 To

The Food Controller

No. G. 14457 & 15.1.19

In continuation of Secretariat No. 151, states that the export of the said quantity of gola may be permitted if the facts of the case are as stated in the petition and adds that the G.O. No. G. 12759-61 of 28.12. P.T. 66-18-134 need not stand in the way of allowing the export applied for.

NOTE—Contn. sheet.

G. R. S. 111-2]

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8) Please see the last portion of the Food Controller's letter - under date in which he states that he is addressing the Dy Comr to release 383 bags of jaggery stuck.

hg
20/1/19

9) for perusal
Chief Secy
20/1/19

10) Seen. We may inform Re & D.C. also.

hg
24/1/19
24/1/19

11) Drafts read
hg
24/1/19

12) Issued
24/1/19

161 To the Revenue Commr in reply
No G 15189 of 22.1.19.
Informing him of the action
taken regarding the release of
the gaur asked for
Hubli Taluka
No. G 15190 of
Copy to the D.C. and
Chitra

NOTE—Contn. sheet.

WD A 1789—GPB—60,000—20-3-15—S.

G. R. S. III-2]

General and Revenue Secretariat.

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Serial No.

162 From the Dy Comr. Chitral
no S.C. 374 of 23.1.19
with refce to sl 161, forwarding
for info copy of his letter of
23.1.19 to the Rev Comr
the subject & requesting to be in-
formed whether in the light of
the facts reported therein,
the idea in question has to be
released.

18/ Submd for orders.
mg
25/1/19

19/ The Dy Comr does
not seem to have addressed the
Food Controller.
25/1/19

20/ Please await reply from K.

27/1/19

175 From the Revenue - no 7C-56 of 13/2
with refce to sl 161 - forwarding
a copy of his reply to the Dy C
concerned.

21/ Submd for perusal
mg
17/2/19

17/2/19

4681
18-2-19

NOTE—Contn. sheet.

WD A 1789—GPB—50,000—20-3-18—S.

G. R. S. H1-2]

General and Revenue. Secretariat. | N. File No. 56 of 191 9

Serial No.

4681
19-2-19

(1) Question by the Purchase Head read in the Legl Dept requires in as by Feb.

2 19-2-19

(2) This subject is already under investigation & a report after due enquiry is awaited from the Dy Superintendent of Police Tuticorin.

Illegible
20/2/19

(3) The report called for may be awaited

Dewan

(4) Secy

(5) Illegible 20/2/19

(6) Illegible 21/2/19

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CHIEF SECRETARIAT
POLITICAL BRANCH
22 FEB, 1919

NOTE—Contn. sheet.

WD A 1789—GPB—60,000—20-3-18—S.

Krishnarao L. Vaidya,
PLEADER,
Chairman Grain Assn. HUBLI.

well y'self
So nice there T S
Just starting is
Tuesday 4 circulists
Sir, I beg to say the urgent
& will be very much
you want I see me
personally please
I have come from Hubli to-
see you with regard to some urgent
business of the Association. I shall
feel much obliged by your kindly
granting me an interview.

I beg to remain,
Sir,
Your Obt. Servt.
K. R. Valvekar

(Write T. S. for
confirm and reply
with a word)

Bangalore

January 14th 1919

J. E. Jayaram Iyer Esqr

Sir

As requested by me in my interview with you I hope you will kindly look into the matter and get an order passed as early as possible I need not again tell you that a delay in the matter will cause great loss to our Association as our Jola is likely to be spoiled by

insects it having been stored in bags
in a godown.

I shall feel obliged by your
kindly communicating the order to
my Clerk.

Hoping to be excused for the
trouble given.

Yours truly,

K. R. Valvekar.

No: 941 of 1918-19
Municipal Office
Hubli 11th January 1918.

Dno 11388
PP 6678
H 150.
13.1.19
15558.

From

Major. W. W. Coen,
President, Hubli Municipality,

To

A. R. Banerji, Esqr.,
Acting Dewan of Mysore,
B A N G A L O R E.

Sir,

I have the honour to inform you that a Grain Association has been established here in order to afford relief to the poor classes who have been suffering great distress on account of the exhorbitant prices of food grains. The Association has been selling food-grains at cost price since February last. The Municipality has not opened a separate depot for selling food-grains but has contributed Rs7000 to the Association towards the capital and Sinking Fund. The Association has also been performing the functions of the Advisory Committee.

I hear that the Association has not been allowed to transport to Hubli the food-grains purchased by it in Mysore province. In that case not only the Association but also the Municipality and the poor classes will have to suffer much. The Association has raised the capital on the distinct understanding that it should be returned to the persons who subscribed it. The Association cannot afford to bear the loss.

The object of the Association is purely charitable and philanthropic. It has checked profiteering to a great extent. I therefore request that you will be so good as to allow the transport of the food-grains purchased by the Associpation.

Mr. Valvekar who is a Municipal Councillor as well as Chairman of the Association will give you all the information about the Association.

I have the honour to be
Sir,
Your most obedient servant

W W Coen.

President
Hubli Municipalitv.

(H.R.S.)

G. R. S. VI—G/32]

SUBJECT.....

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Diary No. of letter replied to .....

Section PP
File No. 66-18
Serial No. 187

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GENERAL AND REVENUE SECRETARIAT
( )
, *the* *191*

No. 14435

Date of issue 15/1/1919.

To

The Food Controller

Signed by Mr Jayakar

Sir,

In continuation of this office ~~correspondence~~ memo no 12759-61 dated 28-12-1918 re export of jola to Hubli, I am directed to forward herewith in original a petition from Mr. K. R. Valvekar, Chairman Hubli Grain Associates

over.

praying for permission to
take to Hubli 1383 bags of Jola
said to have been purchased by the said Messrs
at Davanagere ~~[illegible]~~.
I am to state that it
is believed that there
is a sufficient stock
of the said grain held
up at Davanagere and
to request that you
may be so good as to
~~[illegible]~~ enquire into
the matter at once and report
~~[illegible]~~ whether any
quantity may be
released for export. The favour of a
reply on or before the 17th inst is requested
as I have
C. 15/1/16.
Enclosing list
[illegible]

List of enclosures.

Copied by [illegible]

Examined by 15/1

W D86—GPB—60,000—15-11-16

G. R. S. VI—G/32]

SUBJECT.....

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Diary No. of letter replied to.....

Section PP
File No. 66-18
Serial No. 152

GENERAL AND REVENUE SECRETARIAT,
( )
, *the* 191

No. 14457

Date of issue 15/1/19

To

Signed by Shri K. Jayaraman

The Food Controller.

Sir

In Continuation of this Office letter no. G 14435 dated ~~15~~ this day PP 66-18-151 forwarding for report a petn from Mr K R Valvekar Chairman of the Hobli Grain Assocn praying for the release of 383 bags of Jola at Davangere for export to Hubli, I am directed to state that

over.

and
the export of the quantity
of Jola may be permitted
if the facts of the case are
as stated in the petition
and if you and the Dy Comm
of Chitaldrug are agreeable
to the export I am to add
that the order of Govt on the
subject Communicated
to you with this office letter
no: 12759-61 dated 28th Dec 1918
PP 61-18 1354
need not stand in the
way of allowing the export applied for
as ~~Conditions have since changed~~ — the facts
all forth in the Dy Comm's letter
under reference

List of enclosure

A. J. 15/1/19
for Chief Secy.

A. Jones by Chief Secy

Copied by
Examined by

WD 86—GPB—60,000—15-11-16

GOVERNMENT OF MYSORE

Revenue Department

IN REPLY REFER TO No. 2328 ENCLO. 2

Telegraphic Address: "FOOD CONTROLLER"

33240

OFFICE OF THE FOOD CONTROLLER IN MYSORE,
Camp Sivasamudram,
Bangalore, 17th January 1919.

DIARY NO. 11838

From

K. MATTHAN Esq.,
Food Controller in Mysore,
BANGALORE.

SERIAL NO. 159

To

C. S. Balasundaram Iyer, Esq., B.A.,
Chief Secretary to the Govt. of Mysore,
Bangalore.

Sir,

With reference to your letter No. 14435 P.P. 66-18-151 of the 15th instant forwarding for report a petition from Mr. K. R. Valvekar, Chairman, Hubli Grain Association, I have the honour to state as follows:-

This Association had purchased about 880 bags of Jola at Davangere. On the 15th November, the Director of Civil Supplies issued a priority certificate for the transport of 587 bags out of this quantity to Hubli, the balance of 293 bags being made under an arrangement that seems to have been come to by the Director to be handed over to the local (Davangere) Food Stuffs Committee for use there. This certificate was subsequently cancelled in view of the restrictions against export to Bombay. On representation to me about the case, I requested the Deputy Commissioner, in my letter No. 506 of the 4th December 1918, to release the remaining 587 bags taking

taking this quantity against 118 waggons of food grains that had been promised to the Bombay authorities. The Deputy Commissioner was unwilling to comply with this requisition, and when I went to Davangere on the 22nd December 1918, I found on enquiry that the Hubli Grain Association had not carried out their undertaking given to me that they should give up 293 bags of their jola for local consumption. I, therefore, intimated to Mr. Valvekar that permission to remove the 587 bags could not be given. An extract from my tour notes of the 22nd December 1918 giving the facts of the case is enclosed. Subsequently Mr. Valvekar saw me again and agreed to give over 293 bags out of the quantity still left with him for local requirements. I thereupon wrote to the Deputy Commissioner to release the balance for transport to Hubli (vide copy of my letter No.1510 of the 28th December 1918).

On the 29th December 1918, I received a copy of your endorsement to Mr. Valvekar stating that under the present condition of food supply in the State it was not possible to allow the export of the grain. This endorsement appears to have been issued after some correspondence with the Revenue Commissioner and the Deputy Commissioner in which I had no opportunity of reporting the facts either to the Government or to the Revenue Commissioner. With a view to placing the full facts before the Government, I subsequently asked the Deputy Commissioner what action he had taken with reference to my letter No.1510 of the 28th December, and he has in reply drawn my attention to the Government's subsequent refusal to allow the export.

In view, however, of your letter No. G.14457/P.P. 66-18-152 of the 15th instant, stating that the order of

of Government on the subject communicated in your letter No. G.12759-61 of the 28th December 1918 need not stand in the way of ~~allowing~~ my allowing the export applied for, I am addressing the Deputy Commissioner to release the remaining 383 bags of jola for export to Hubli under the priority certificate which has already been issued.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

Kumar

KM/MPH.

Food Controller in Mysore.

Letter No.1510 dated 28th December 1918 from the Food Controller in Mysore, Bangalore, to the Deputy Commissioner, Chitaldrug.

I have the honour to enclose an extract from my tour notes relating to the export of jola from Davangere by the Hubli Grain Association. During my visit to Davangere on the 22nd instant we decided that as the Hubli Grain Association had not kept their undertaking to deliver 293 bags of jola to the Davangere Food Stuffs Committee, we on our part declined to allow the transport of 587 bags for which a priority certificate had been issued. This was intimated to Mr. K. R. Valvekar, Chairman of the Association. This gentleman has now presented to me the enclosed petition in which he says that he is even now prepared to give over 293 bags of jola at Davangere for the supply of local needs irrespective of the quantity sold to the Agricultural Department. In the circumstances of the case I think you will agree with me that it is expedient to allow this Association to give up 293 bags of jola out of the quantity that remains with them and take away whatever balance remains for which a priority certificate has been issued. If it is a fact that the Assistant Commissioner has commandeered 100 bags of jola, this may be taken towards the 293 bags to be delivered up. When this is done we need have nothing more to do with this Association except of course in the matter of any action that you may propose to take regarding the illegal transaction entered into with the Agricultrual Inspector.

Copy.

For Food Controller.

MPH.

Extract from the Tour Notes of the Food Controller.

22nd December 1918.

The Hubli Grain Association had purchased 880 bags of jola. In accordance with an agreement said to have been entered into by them with the Director of Civil Supplies, they were to give up 293 bags for local needs and they were allowed to take away 587 bags. The priority certificate originally issued in this behalf became time expired. A new certificate was issued recently on the understanding that the 293 bags promised to be given up for local consumption should be given over to the local Food Stuffs Committee. The Association and its agents have been bitterly compalining that the Deputy Commissioner has refused to allow this quantity to be carried away. On enquiry it is found that the Association or its local agent has not been deali fairly with the local authorities. They proposed to give to the local Food Stuffs Committee a portion of their jola which was inferior and practically unfit for human consumption and althoug they finally agreed to give up good jola they put various obstacles and difficulties and caused innumerable delays with the result that the quantity promised to be handed over could not be taken. It now transpires that out of the 293 bags promised to be given up about 175 has been sold to the Agricultural Department at the fabulous rate of 16 rupees per palla while the maximum wholesale rate is Rs.8-8-0. It is surprising that the Agricultural Inspector should have purchased jola which is regarded as almost unfit for human consumption for seed purposes at this exorbitant rate. The local authorities say that they could easily have supplied much better seed grain at about half the price. The Deputy Commissioner supposes to prosecute the agent of the Association for this illegal transaction.

For Food Controller.

MPH.

G. R. S. VI—G/32]

SUBJECT.....

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Diary No. of letter replied to.....

GENERAL AND REVENUE SECRETARIAT,

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, the 191 .

Date of issue 21/12/18.

Signed by [illegible]

Section

File No. 18

Serial No.

No. 7313-G

To

The Rev Cert in Mysore

Sir,

In continuation of this office memo. no G/12759-61 of the 28th Dec 1918 I am directed to state that on further consideration the Food Controller has been instructed to request the Dy Comr Chitaldroog to release 383 bags of jowari in favour

over.

Urgent

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See 447 Rev Of 18-19

Con. true file

Office of the Deputy Commissioner,
Chitaldrug District.

CHIEF SECRETARY'S OFFICE
POLITICAL BRANCH.
25 JAN. 1919

Dated Chitaldrug, 23rd January 1919.

DIARY NO. 12406

From

M. Zahiruddin Mecci Esquire B.A.,

Offg: Deputy Commissioner.

56283 C H I T A L D R U G.

SECRETARIAT
HOME DEPT.
SERIAL NO. 152

To

C. S. Balasundaram Iyer Esquire B.A.,

Chief Secretary to the Government of

His Highness the Maharaja of Mysore,

B A N G A L O R E.

Sir,

Adverting to your memo No.G.15190 dated the 22nd instant, forwarding copy of your letter No.G.15189/PP.66-18-161 of the same dat in the matter of releasing jola for export in favor of the Chairman, Hubli Grain Association, I have the honor to submit herewith for the information of Government, copy of my letter of yesterday's date addressed to the Revenue Commissioner in Mysore on the same subject an to request to be informed whether in the light of the facts reported therein, the jola in question has to be released.

I have the honor to be,

S I R,

Your most obedient servant,

M Zahiruddin

Offg: Deputy Commissioner,

Chitaldrug District.

S.V.

Office of the Deputy Commissioner,

Chitaldrug District.

Dated Chitaldrug, 23rd January 1919.

From

M. Zahiruddin Mecci Esquire B.A.,

Offg: Deputy Commissioner,

C H I T A L D R U G.

To

K. R. Srinivasiengar Esquire M.A.,

Revenue Commissioner in Mysore,

B A N G A L O R E.

Sir,

Adverting to your memo No.F.C.56 dated 31st December 1918 forwarding copy of letter No.G.12758/pp.66-18-134 dated 28th December 1918 from the Chief Secretary to Government, to the ~~Chairman~~ Chairman, Grain Association, Hubli, refusing him permission to export jola from Davangere, I have the honor to state that the Food Controller in Mysore wrote to me on 28th December 1918 (vide copy of his letter No.1510 dated 28th December 1918 enclosed) asking me to receive 295 bags for local consumption, which the Hubli Grain Association were prepared to give, and allow the rest for export to Hubli. I immediately forwarded this letter to the Sub Division Officer, Davangere, for report, and as the copy of the Chief Secretary's letter referred to above reached me on 1st January 1919, I thought the matter was ended, and that there was no necessity for a reply to the Food Controller to his letter under reference, since I had sent him a copy of my D. O. dated 18th December 1918 to you, in reply to another earlier communication No.C.25 dated 16th December 1918 of his (vide copy enclosed) requesting to allow the 887 bags of jola to be exported <u>without delay</u>.

2. On the 11th January 1919, the Food Controller again wrote to me to intimate the action taken with reference to the export of jola by the Hubli Association as required in his letter No.1510 dated 28th December 1918, and I enclose herein for your informa-

information copy of my letter No.Ref: on S.C.374 Rex: 18-19 dated 19th January 1919 sent to him in reply.

3. The Food Controller while forwarding a copy of his letter No.2526 dated 18th January 1919 to the Chief Secretary requests me again to allow the export of 383 bags now remaining with the Hubli Grain Association (vide the enclosed copy of his memo No.2326 dated 18th January 1918).

4. It will be seen from the Food Controller's letter No.1510 dated 28th December 1918, that during his visit to Davangere on the 22nd idem it was definitely decided, in the open meeting after a full discussion of the entire question, not to allow the Hubli Grain Association to export the 587 bags of jola, for which a priority certificate had been granted, since they had not only not kept their undertaking, but had managed to sell no less than 188 bags of their rotten jola to the Agricultural Department for seed purposes, at the fabulous rate of ₹ 16 per palla, as against ₹ 8-8-0, the maximum wholesale rate fixed by Government. He further adds in the same letter that as Mr. Valvekar "is even now prepared to give over 293 bags for local consumption it is expedient to allow him to export the remaining quantity" of jola. I beg to state here that this very offer was made by Mr. Valvekar's agent in the open meeting at Davangere, but it was decided to reject it outright. Further, as you are aware, the Government after a full consideration of all the facts of this case, also decided likewise, and an endorsement was issued to the party accordingly.

5. In his memo No.2326 dated 18th January 1919 the Food Controller now wants me to release 383 bags of jola to be exported by the Hubli Association, which I have to add, is all the stock they now hold in Davangere, thus apparently relieving them of their previous undertaking of handing over the 293 bags for local use. The Food Controller has now reopened this question with the old issues, not to speak of the waiver of the condition referred to above - despite his own decision and pronouncement made in the open meeting of the 22nd December. However as the question has thus been

reopened, I beg to submit the following facts for your information and for the consideration of Government:-

6. I beg in this connection to invite kind reference to my D. O. of the 18th December to you in connection with the petition presented to the Dewan by this Association and also to my letter No.S.C.374 Rev: 18-19 dated 19th January 1919 to the Food Controller, in which I have fully explained, that there are scores of merchants whose case, besides being on all fours with that of the Association, deserves special preferential treatment, in consideration of their hearty co-operation with the local officers at considerable loss and self-sacrifice, in times of stress and anxiety, in connection with the seriousness of the food situation in the District, particularly in Davangere and Harihar, and who have all along been given to understand, that their special claims will be duly considered in the matter of the issue of the priority certificates. Had these been left to themselves and had they not relied on the assurances of the local Officers, I may be permitted to add that the offices of Government, yourself and the Food Controller would have been actually besieged by them for permissio to export their stocks.

7. If not-withstanding all this, the Agent of the Hubli Association, in spite of his "unfair dealings with the local authorities" and with the Agricultural Department by selling to them at the fabulous rate of ₹ 16/- per palla and what the Food Stuffs Committee had declined to buy at ₹ 8/-, in flagrant violation of the Government orders should now be allowed to export his remaining stocks, I am afraid the public will not only consider th local officers as guilty of a breach of faith with them, but would have no regard for the decisions arrived at and pronouncements & made by Government officers in public meetings. But above all it would have the effect, it is feared, of creating a feeling of distrust on the part of the merchants in the local officers, who might find it extremely difficult to enlist public sympathy and co-operation, in cases of emergency, that might arise in future.

I beg therefore in consideration of public interests, once more, to urge that the Agent of the Hubli Association should not be allowed to export the jola, so long as there are scores of others with special preferential claims that have not been granted this concession.

8. Coming now to the question of the policy to be adopted in the matter of the issue of priority certificates, I may be permitted to state here, that just prior to his visit to Davangere, the Food Controller had decided to allow a certain merchant of Bijapur to export 1000 bags of jola, and the latter had also secured a priority certificate for the purpose, and when I visited Davangere on the 21st idem, I learnt, that in his attempt to make purchases from the local stock holders at exhorbitant prices, the merchant had unnecessarily excited the local market, and had given the merchants an idea, that they might have similar opportunities in future to sell their stocks to advantage, with the result that the supply of jola to the market had been immediately cut off, and not only could the ordinary buyers not get jola in the market, but even an influential body like the Food Stuffs Committee itself, could not in spite of all their resourcefulness, secure any!

9. When all these facts were brought to the notice of the Food Controller at Davangere on the 22nd idem, he agreed with me that the issue of priority certificates to foreign <u>individuals</u> for the export of jola should be put a stop to, and the best and the most equitable way of dealing with the question of export was, to make all the merchants to contribute rateably, to make up the quantities required, if the local merchants alone were not to be allowed to take jola to British Districts and sell it there at the prevailing rates. This point was urged with great force by the local merchants in the meeting referred to above, in as much as they had invariably failed to secure priority certificates from the British authorities, who issued them only to merchants in British Territories to import wheat &c to Mysore, and they contended that if the practice in vogue of issuing such certificates in favor of the foreign merchants by the Mysore authorities were to continue, they

would be earning profits both ways at the expense of the local merchants. He also agreed with me, that if this District had still to contribute any further quota to enable him to meet his obligations, the local officers should be informed of the same and left to make their own arrangements for securing the required quantity by rateable distribution among the stock holders. In fact this very course was with the Food Controller's approval adopted in the case of the export of 1000 bags to Bijapur.

10. While matters stood thus and no definite instructions had been received, either as to the policy to be pursued in the matter of the export or as to the exact extent of the obligations on the part of this District, the Food Controller asked me by wire on the 12th instant to wire to him if one Mr. Yusuf Abdul Momin, merchant of Islampur in the Satara District had 1200 maunds of jawari at Davangere, and on my intimating to him that Mr. Yusuf had 180 bags, he has forwarded to me his memo No.2324 dated 18th January 1919, enclosing copy of his letter No.2323 dated 18th January 1919 to the Director of Civil Supplies, stating that the export of 180 bags of jola may be allowed to the Bombay Presidency. Since the receipt of the above, I have received another wire enquiring what quantity of jola and ragi another merchant Mr. Bhikkaji Pandureng had at Holalkere and Davangere for the Kollapur State. Such telegraphic enquiries and issue of priority certificates, in contravention of the decisions arrived at in the meeting of the 22nd December at Davangere, has, as I have already represented, the effect of unnecessarily exciting the market and creating fresh complications.

11. I beg in this connection, to invite kind reference to my letter No.S.C.377 Rev: 18-19 dated 19th January 1919 and its enclosure, and to submit that if my proposal to absolutely put a stop to all further exports cannot be approved, I beg to be instructed clearly, 1stly, as to the precise extent of the obligations that are expected to be met by this District, and 2ndly as to the line of policy that the Government desire the local officers to follow in the matter of meeting this liability.

12. I trust that all these matters will receive your early consideration and beg that you will kindly obtain early orders of Government in the matter. I also request that the question of releasing the stocks of grain belonging to the Hubli Grain Association and to Mr. Yusuf may be permitted to be kept in abeyance pending your instructions. I have intimated this fact to the Food Controller.

I have the honor to be,

S I R,

Your most obedient servant,

Offg: Deputy Commissioner,

Chitaldrug District.

S.V.

Letter No.1510 dated 28th December 1918 from the Food Controller in Mysore, to the Deputy Commissioner, Chitaldrug District, Chitaldrug.

I have the honor to enclose an extract from my tour notes relating to the export of jola from Davangere by the Hubli Grain Association. During my visit to Davangere on the 22nd instant we decided that as the Hubli Grain Association had not kept their undertaking to deliver 293 bags of jola to the Davangere Food Stuffs Committee, we on our part declined to allow the transport of 587 bags for which a priority certificate had been issued. This was intimated to Mr. K. R. Valveker, Chairman of the Association. This gentleman has now presented to me the enclosed petition in which he says that he is even now prepared to give over 293 bags of jola at Davangere for the supply of local needs irrespective of the quantity sold to the Agricultural Department. In the circumstances of the case I think you will agree with me that it is expedient to allow this Association to give up 293 bags of jola out of the quantity that remains with them and take away whatever balance remains for which a priority certificate has been issued. If it is a fact that the Assistant Commissioner has commandeered 100 bags of jola, this may be taken towards the 293 bags to be delivered up. When this is done we need have nothing more to do with this Association except of course in the matter of any action that you may propose to take regarding the illegal transaction entered into with the Agricultural Inspector.

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"C O P Y."

Offg: Deputy Commissioner,

S.V. Chitaldrug District.

EXTRACT FROM THE TOUR NOTES OF THE FOOD CONTROLLER.

22nd December 1918:-

The Hubli Grain Association had purchased 880 bags of jola. In accordance with an agreement said to have been entered into by them with the Director of Civil Supplies, they were to give up 293 bags for local needs and they were allowed to take away 587 bags. The priority certificate originally issued in this behalf became time expired. A new certificate was issued recently on the understanding that the 293 bags promised to be given up for local consumption should be given over to the local Food Stuffs Committee. The Association and its Agents have been bitterly complaining that the Deputy Commissioner has refused to allow this quantity to be carried away. On enquiry it is found that the Association or its local agent has not been dealing fairly with the local authorities. They proposed to give to the local Food Stuffs Committee a portion of their jola which was inferior and practically unfit for human consumption and although they finally agreed to give up good jola they put various obstacles and difficulties and caused innumerable delays with the result that the quantity promised to be handed over could not be taken. It now transpires that out of the 293 bags promised to be given up about 175 has been sold to the Agricultural Department at the fabulous rate of Rs 16/- per palla while the maximum wholesale rate is Rs 8-8-0. It is surprising that the Agricultural Inspector should have purchased jola which is regarded as almost unfir for human consumption for seed purposes at this exhorbitant rate. The local authorities say that they could easily have supplied much better seed grain at about half the price. The Deputy Commissioner supposes to prosecute the agent of the Association for this illegal transaction.

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"C O P Y."

Offg: Deputy Commissioner,

S.V. Chitaldrug District.

Letter No. C.25 dated 16th December 1918 from the Food Controller in Mysore, to the Deputy Commissioner, Chitaldrug District.

In confirming the marginally noted telegram sent to you this day I have the honor to invite your kind reference to my letter No.506 of the 4th instant in which I requested you to release 587 bags of jola purchased by the Hubli Grain Association for transport to Hubli. I have since received 2 communications from the Chairman of the Grain Association, stating that the authorities in the Chitaldrug District are preventing the export of this quantity. I have already intimated to you that the export has been allowed in pursuance of an agreement entered into with the Bombay Government, that we are bound to give them 118 waggons of food stuffs and that the six waggons proposed to be given to the Hubli Grain Association will go towards making up this quantity. I request therefore that there may be no delay in allowing this quantity to be taken by the Hubli Grain Association.

"My No.506 of 4th instant. Has not jola for Hubli Grain Association been released."

"C O P Y."

Offg: Deputy Commissioner,
Chitaldrug District.

S.V.

Letter No.S.C.374 Rev: 18-19 dated 19th January 1919 from the Deputy Commissioner, Chitaldrug, to the Food Controller in Mysore.

Adverting to your letter No.1510 dated 28th December 1918 as als the telegraphic reminder dated 15th instant thereon in the matter of allowing certain bags of jola belonging to the Hubli Grain Association t be exported from Davangere, I have the honor to state that at the meetin of merchants held at Davangere on the 22nd ultimo at which you were present it was, after hearing all the parties concerned and a discussion of the situation, decided among other things that in view of the unfair dealings of the Association with the local Food Stuffs Committee and the local Officers, the Association should not be allowed to export the jola While the Sub Division Officer's reply to my memo forwarding your letter for his report was still pending, I received on 1st January 1919 through the Revenue Commissioner in reply to my D.O. dated 1st December 1918, cop of letter No.G.12758/pp 66-18-134 dated 28th December 1918 from the Chie Secretary to Government to the Chairman, Hubli Grain Association refusin permission to export the jola under reference. As I was under the impression that a copy of the same might have been sent to you by the Revenue Commissioner, and that the matter had ended once for all, I drop ped the matter, considering that no further reply was needed. I enclose herein for ready reference copy of the Chief Secretary's letter referred to above. But as I take it, that you are still of opinion that the Hubli Grain Association might be permitted to export their jola, I have to bring to your notice, the other decision that was come to in the meeting at Davangere viz that no licenses for individuals to export grain should be issued, and that if after looking up the accounts, it should be found by you, that this District, had still to contribute a further quota, to enable you to meet your obligations to the Bombay Government, then the several merchants in Davangere and Harihar should be asked to contribute rateably, to make up the quantity to be exported, and this had to be done through local officers. This was considered very necessary in view of the fact that some of the local and foreign merchants have all along these anxious months, actively helped the local authorities with supplies out of their stocks, in times of serious food situation in Davangere and Harihar, in the hope and on the assurance, that their claims to priority certificates would be favorably considered. Some of these had actually

obtained priority certificates at the same time as the Hubli Grain Association, but each time they pressed for permission to export their stock, they had similarly to be put off on the score of the stock taking operations, and the claims of these are in no way inferior to those of th Hubli Grain Association, which has had no share in rendering any help in the matter of the food difficulty. Having come to know that the Hubli Association had succeeded in obtaining an order for the release of their stock, these local merchants have given expression to a strong feeling of dissatisfaction, if not of resentment, that in spite of their cooperation their claims had been subordinated to those of the Hubli Grain Associatio

2. I have also to state in this connection that in addition to the merchants above referred to that are thus entitled to special preferential treatment at the hands of the local authorities, there are a large number of others who thought they could not secure priority certificates at the time the Director of Civil Supplies visited Davangere on the 11th November owing either to the absence of their partners or otherwise, yet were given the assurance that if they also agreed to release one-third of their stock for local consumption they would be allowed to export two-thirds of it, and who in pursuance of this assurance have put in their applications for priority certificates and have been constantly pressing their demands.

3. Now, if the Chairman of the Hubli Grain Association is to be allowed to export the jola, simply because "he is even now prepared to give over 293 bags of jola at Davangere for the supply of local needs." I beg you will kindly let me know how the request of the 2 classes of merchants referred to above has to be dealt with, who in addition to their superior claims, are similarly even now prepared to release one-third of their stocks for local needs. In fact the claims of the Belgaum Food Grain Association, though not so deserving of favorable consideration as those of the merchants referred to in para 1 supra, seem certainly better than those of the Hubli Grain Association, as while the latter want to export jola for sale to the poor at cost price, the Belgaum Association mean to export it for free distribution.

4. From the extract of letter No.190 dated 14th January 1919 from the Sub Division Officer, Davangere, it is clear that the allegation

that any jola belonging to the Hubli Grain Association was commandeered is not so true. Further, out of 890 bags of jola that the Association owned 507 bags have been disposed of and after deducting 293 bags which the Association wants to make available for local needs, there will remain only 90 bags for export. But apart from the difficulties referred to in paras 1 and 2 supra, I fear that the result of allowing this quantity to be exported would not merely attempts at smuggling quantities far exceeding this, but it would again have the effect of exciting the market, by creating a belief in the merchants that they might possibly secure priority certificates and be still able to export their stocks. They would thus again withhold their stocks and cause serious inconvenience to the public. It is on record that the moment it was known at Davangere that a priority certificate had been issued to the Bijapur merchant in December last, the supply of jola to the market was immediately cut off, and there was absolutely no jola for sale in the shandy and people had to rest content with ragi!

5. For these reasons I regret very much to say that I do not consider it expedient to allow this association to export any jola.

6. I beg to enclose for your information also copy of my letter No. S.C.377 of 18-19 dated this day to the Revenue Commissioner.

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"C O P Y."

Offg: Deputy Commissioner,

S.V. Chitaldrug District.

No.2326 Office of the Food Controller in Mysore,
Camp Sivasamudram, 18th January 1919.

From

K. Matthan Esquire B.A
Food Controller in Mysore,
B A N G A L O R E.

To.

C. S. Balasundaram Iyer Esquire B.A.,
Chief Secretary to the Government of Mysore,
B A N G A L O R E.

Sir,

With reference to your letter No.14435/pp.86-18-151 of the 15th instant forwarding for report a petition from Mr.K.R.Valvekar, Chairman, Hubli Grain Association, I have the honor to state as follows:-

This Association had purchased about 880 bags of jola at Davangere. On the 11th November, the Director of Civil Supplies issued a priority certificate for the transport of 587 bags out of this quantity to Hubli, the balance of 293 bags being under an arrangement that seems to have been come to by the Director to be handed over to the local(Davangere) Food Stuffs Committee for use there. This certificate was subsequently cancelled in view of the restrictions against export to Bombay. On a representation to me about the case, I requested the Deputy Commissioner in my letter No.506 of the 4th December 1918, to release the remaining 587 bags taking this quantity against 118 waggons of food grains that had been promised to the Bombay authorities. The Deputy Commissioner was unwilling to comply with this requisition, and when I went to Davangere on the 22nd December 1918, I found on enquiry that the Hubli Grain Association had not carried out their undertaking given to me that they would give up 293 bags of their jola for local consumption. I therefore intimated to Mr. Valvekar that permission to remove the 587 bags could not be given. An extract from my tour notes of the 22nd December 1918 giving the facts of the case is enclosed. Subsequently Mr. Valvekar saw me again and agreed to give over 293 bags out of the quantity still left with him for local requirements. I thereupon wrote to the Deputy Commissioner to release the balance for transport to Hubli (vide copy of my letter No.1510 of the 28th December 1918).

On the 29th December 1918, I received a copy of your endorsement to Mr. Valvekar stating that under the present condition of food supply in the State it was not possible to allow the export of the grain. This

endorsement appears to have been issued after some correspondence with the Revenue Commissioner and the Deputy Commissioner in which I had no opportunity of reporting the facts either to the Government or to the Revenue Commissioner. With a view to placing the full facts before the Government, I subsequently asked the Deputy Commissioner what action he had taken with reference to my letter No.1510 of the 28th December and he has in reply drawn my attention to the Government's subsequent refusal to allow the export.

In view, however, of your letter No.G.14457/PP.66-18-152 of the 15th instant, stating that the order of Government on the subject communicated in your letter No.G.12759-61 of the 28th December 1918 need not stand in the way of my allowing the export applied for, I am addressing the Deputy Commissioner to release the remaining 383 bags of jola for export to Hubli under the priority certificate which has already been issued.

I have the honor to be &c,

(Sd) K. Matthan,
Food Controller in Mysore.

Memo No.2326 dated Camp Sivasamudram, 18th January 1919.

Copy of the above is forwarded, with compliments, to the Deputy Commissioner, Chitaldrug District, with the request that the 383 bags now remaining may be released for export to Hubli.

(Sd) K. Matthan,
Food Controller in Mysore.

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* C O P Y.*

Offg: Deputy Commissioner,
Chitaldrug District.

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OFFICE OF THE REVENUE COMMISSIONER
IN MYSORE.

No. 7e56 (new) *Bangalore*, 13th February 1919.
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K.R. Srinivasaiengar Esq., M.A.,
Revenue Commissioner in Mysore.

To

Chief
The Secretary to the Government of
His Highness the Maharaja of Mysore,
~~*Department.*~~

SIR,

With reference to your letter No.G.15189/P.P.66-18-161 dated the 22nd January 1919 communicating the decision of the Government to release 383 bags of jola for export from Davangere in favour of the Hubli Grain Association, I have the honor to submit herewith, for the information of Government, a copy of letter which I have addressed to the Deputy Commissioner, Chitaldrug District, giving him necessary instructions in the matter in reply to his letter to me a copy of which he had submitted to Government with his letter No.S.C.374/Rev. of 1918-19 dated 27rd January 1919.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

Revenue Commissioner.

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From

The *Revenue Commissioner in Mysore.*

To Chief
The Secretary to the Government of
H. H. the Maharaja of Mysore,
~~*Department.*~~

Dated 13th February 1919.

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Re the release of 383 bags of jola for export from Davangere in favour of the Hubli Grain Association.

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OFFICE OF THE REVENUE COMMISSIONER IN MYSORE,

Bangalore, 11th February 1919.

No. 7e56

From

K. R. Srinivasiengar, Esquire., M.A.,

Revenue Commissioner in Mysore.

To

The Deputy Commissioner,

Chitaldrug District.

SIR,

With reference to your letter No.S.C.374 of 18-19 dated 23rd January 1919 bringing to notice the difficulties in the way of releasing 383 bags of jola for export from Davangere in favour of the Hubli Grain Association, I have the honor to reply as follows:-

In para 4 of your letter you have stated that the association had not acted honestly and in good ~~fi~~ faith in their dealings with Government and that they had sold rotten jola to the Agricultural Department at more than the maximum prices in violation of the rules. If that association had infringed the rules about the prices, it was open to you to have taken steps for the prosecution of the persons concerned; and it is not understood why no such step was taken. Moreover if the officers of the Agricultural Department paid exhorbitant prices for rotten jola which they obtained as seed, it is a matter for enquiry and needful action in the Agricultural Department and it may be brought to the notice of the Director of Agriculture. At any rate it seems to me that these points are not quite relevant to the matter now in issue and need not be considered here.

2. Mr. Tejpall on behalf of the Association who saw me to-day

says that, out of the 890 bags belonging to the Hubli Grain Association 188 bags were sold to the Agricultural Department, 106 given to the Amildar of Davangere for being sent to Chitaldrug and 213 bags sold to wholesale licensed holders at Davangere at the instance of the Amildar of -- Davangere and that 383 are still left which he now wants to remove to his place. This stock is said to have got spoilt to some extent already and to be still deteriorating from day to day on account of its being detained so long. If as represented by Mr. Tejpall he had given 319 bags for meeting local requirements, I request you to issue instructions to the local officers to forthwith release the remaining stock of 383 bags still in the possession of the association at Davangere.

3. As regards the procedure to be adopted in respect of future supplies to merchants from outside, before any priority certificates are issued for any export from the District, the Deputy Commissioner will be consulted by the Food Controller as to the quantity of grain that could be spared from the District and the place from which it could be spared. As the priority certificates will have to be given by or on the recommendation of the British Collector or Director of Civil Supplies, our local merchants will have to apply to those officers if they wish to have the benefit of the priority certificates for themselves. With a view, however to prevent the local market being excited and the prices inflated by the foreign merchants provided with priority certificates purchasing the grain themselves locally, there is no objection to the Deputy Commissioner arranging for the grain required by them being supplied to them at the local market rates, either by the Food Committee at Davangere or in any other manner that he may consider suitable.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

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Revenue Commissioner

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for Revenue Commissioner.